Government of India, 3 each from Government of Assam and AASU, to examine the porposals submitted by Government of Assam and AASU under clause VI of the Assam Accord. The Sub-Committee shall be chaired by a representative of Government of India. The Sub-Committee shall be constituted within 15 days of receiving names from AASU and Government of Assam and shall give its recommendations to the Tripartite Committee by April 30, 1999.

Attack on Christian Workers and Missionaries

1950. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the attack on Christian workers and missionaries are increasing throughout the country;

(b) if so, the number of such attacks on missionaxies held during the past six months and number of Christians molested/raped/killed during the same period;

(c) whether Government have assured to a Christian delegation to take an effective step to check such incidents in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) There is no such increase in the attack on Christian workers and missionaries throughout the country. However, the Government is aware that some islodated incidents of attack on members of Christian community did take place.

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State Subjects as per the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation and detection of crimes as well as the prevention of crime are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Details of individual cases are not maintained at the Central level.

(c) and (d) A delegation under the leadership of Archbishop of Delhi had met Home Minister on 29th September, 1998 who instructed the Home Ministry to liaise with the concerned State Governments with a view to ensure that such incidents are prevented and the guilty persons are punished. The Chief Secretaries of the concerned States were advised to issue suitable instructions to the district law and order authorities to respond immediately to the complaints of atrocities/harassment of the minorities and initiate prompt and effective action to identity and punish the guilty persons. The Government is clear that acts of violence against the minority communities, whenever and in whatever form they occur, must be dealt with sternly.

Facilities to NRIs/pIO

1951. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken fresh initiatives to provide a new package of incentives and facilities to NRIs/Persons of India Origin (PIO) and that a committee has been set up for this purpose;

(b) if so, the details of the constitution of the committee, terms of reference and the period by which the committee is expected to submit its report;

(c) the details regarding present status of the proposal; and